

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T**

Suits - Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt.24.03.2022 in I.A.No.40111/2022 in M.A.No.1805/2021 in W.P.(C) No.539/2021, filed by Gaurav Kumar Bansal on Payment of compensation for an amount of Rs.50,000/- to the next kin of the deceased persons due to Covid-19 - Orders - Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (B1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.293

Dated:04-04-2022

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.543, HM&FW (B1) Dept, dt.25.10.2022.
2. Orders dt. 24.03.2022 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in I.A.No.40111/2022 in M.A.No.1805/2021 in W.P.(C) No.539/2021 - filed by Gaurav Kumar Bansal.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, orders have been issued according permission to all the District Collectors for providing ex-gratia to an amount of Rs.50,000/- to the next kin of the diseased persons due to Copvid-19 from the funds of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) along with certain guidelines.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Hon'ble Apex Court has issued certain directions for consideration of the claims for providing compensation in case the death occurred due to Covid-19. In the said order, the Hon'ble Apex Court permitted the NDMA/Union of India through MH&FW to carryout the random scrutiny of 5% of the claim applications by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala and Maharastra at the first instance and directed the States to assist in carrying out the scrutiny of the claim applications and submit all the necessary particulars of the respective claims that have been attended / processed to the MH&FW who shall carryout the scrutiny within a period of (3) months and submit report to the Hon'ble Apex Court.

3. Accordingly, the Government, hereby issue the following orders to the Collector & District Magistrates in the State.

- i) To consider filing the claims for compensation in case the death occurred due to Covid-19 prior to 20.03.2022 with a outer limit of sixty (60) days.
- ii) For future deaths, to provide ninety (90) days time from the date of death due to Covid-19 to file the claim for compensation.
- iii) In case of extreme hardship any claimant could not make an application within the time prescribed, it will be open for the claimant to approach the Grievance Redressal Committee to be constituted by the District Collectors and make the claim through Grievance Redressal Committee which shall be considered by the said committee on case to case basis and the case is considered on merits.
- iv) Any false claim and obtaining any relief on that basis is a punishable offence under Section 52 of the Act, 2005.
- v) To give wide publicity of these orders through print and electronic media for enabling the claimants to know the time limit for making claims. Such advertisement shall be published fortnightly for a period of six weeks.
- vi) The time limit to make the actual payment of compensation within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of claim is ordered shall be continued.

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4. The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, AP is directed to assist the Ministry of H &FW in carrying out the scrutiny of the claim applications as per the orders of the Hon'ble Apex Court and submit the necessary particulars of the respective claims whenever called for by the Ministry of H&FW.

5. The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, AP / All the District Collectors & District Magistrates in the State / Revenue (DM) Department shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, AP, Mangalagiri.

All the Collector & District Magistrates in the State.

The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.

The Revenue (DM) Department.

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The Village & Ward Secretariat Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi

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